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July 17, 1991

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT  
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Mr. Bob Steele  
Operator/Owner  
1055 North 400 East  
Nephi, Utah 84648

Dear Mr. Steele:

Re: Permit Status, Gardner Canyon Gypsum Mine, M/023/015, Juab County, Utah

This letter is provided in response to your telephone inquiry of July 16, 1991. You spoke with me regarding your receipt of our July 11, 1991 letter where the Division outlined our position on the processing of your Gardner Canyon small mine permit application. I have addressed your concerns and reaffirmed our position on the status of your small mine permit request as itemized below:

1. We have evaluated the May 28, 1991 letter, received from Mr. Richard M. Brough, Chairman, of the Utah County Board of Commissioners, regarding the Gardner Canyon Road accessing the mine site. The letter indicates that Juab County continually maintained the access roads to the Gardner Canyon Mine sites under the County "B" Road System until 1989. At that time, the Juab County Road Department received instructions from the Spanish Fork Ranger District, Uintah National Forest, to stop any maintenance beyond the designated Wilderness Area boundary.

In recognition of the county's position on this matter, the Division will not require the operator to include and/or reclaim that portion of the Gardner Canyon mine access road which is outside of the designated USFS Wilderness Area boundary. Post-mining use and maintenance of this portion of the Gardner Canyon Road will presumably remain under the jurisdiction of the Juab County Road Department

However, the Division will require reclamation of that portion(s) of the access road that lies within the Wilderness Area. Those portions of the Gardner

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Canyon Road must be included as part of the mining and reclamation plan for the proposed gypsum mine site, and approved by the Division and the USFS.


2. The Division has reevaluated the maps/drawings as provided with your USFS "Plan of Operations" application. We have digitized the area identified to be disturbed by your mining operation on a map entitled, "Surface Dimensional Map" and came up with a total of 22.5 acres (not including the access road). In addition a portion of the area to be mined appears to extend outside of the claim boundary as presently drawn on your map (copy attached).

Your USFS Special Use Application identifies an additional 2.5 acres of proposed disturbance to be associated with the upgrading of the Gardner Canyon mine access road (within USFS Wilderness Area). This brings the total projected surface disturbance to 25 acres. Based upon these figures, the Division cannot accept your small mine permit application request. A large mine permit application would be required.

The Division cannot continue to process your mining application as a small mining operation until you can provide supplemental information to support this request as previously outlined in our July 11, 1991 letter. I trust this will help clarify our position on this permitting action and answer your concerns as discussed during our conversation on July 16, 1991.

Please contact me, Wayne Hedberg, or Holland Shepherd if you have questions concerning the requirements of this letter. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in addressing these permitting concerns.

Sincerely,

  
Lowell P. Braxton  
Associate Director, Mining

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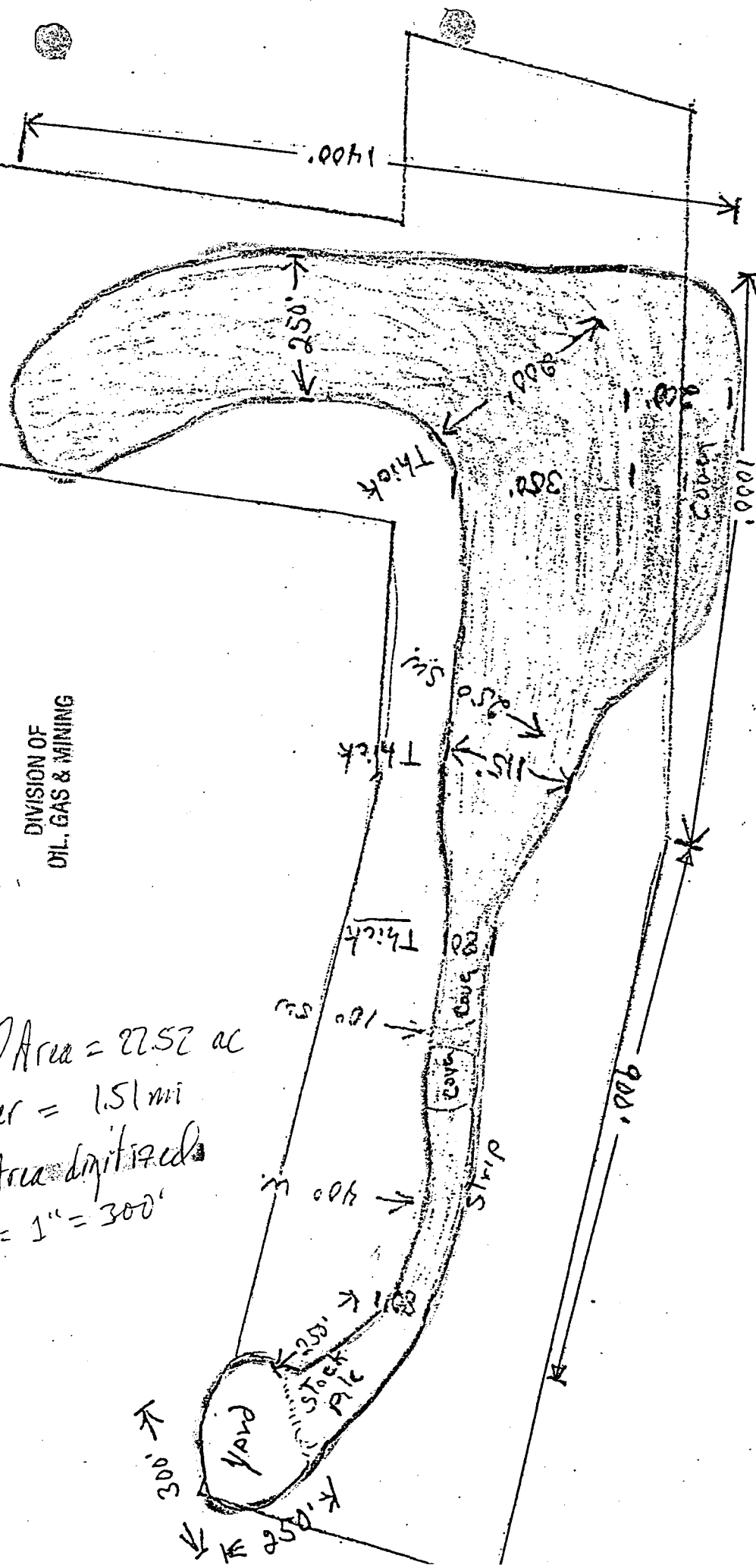
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Digitized Area = 22.52 ac  
Perimeter = 1.51 mi  
Shaded Area digitized  
Scale = 1" = 300'



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Region 1		(MAP SCALE: 1 inch= 300 feet)			
		AREA	total	PERIMETER	total
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ACRES:	22.596		22.596		
SQ. MILES:	0.035		0.035	MILES:	1.522
SQ. YARDS:	109,363.578		109,363.578	YARDS:	2,678.095
SQ. FEET:	984,272.188		984,272.188	FEET:	8,034.285
SQ. METERS:	91,441.883		91,441.883	METERS:	2,448.731
SQ.IN(map):	10.936		26.781	INCH (map):	26.781